Interim relief to pensioners

3976. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned interim relief for the Central Government employees pending the report by the Fifth Pay Commisison;

(b) whether the Central Government Pensioners have demanded payment of similar interim relief; and

(c) if so, what is the response of Government to the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes Sir, However the orders of Interim Relief were issued on 27th September, 1993, while the Fifth Pay Commission was constituted on 9th April, 1994.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Consequent on grant of interim relief to serving employees, the matter was considered by the Governments. The Dearness Relief paid to the pensioners is revised at six monthly intervals to compensate for the rise in cost of living. It was, therefore, not considered necessary to grant interim relief also for the same purpose.

Assistant's grade examination

3977. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to unstarred Question 757 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th March, 1995 and state by when the said Assistant's Grade Examination is proposed to be conducted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): This examination has been held on 23rd April, 1995.

Government personnel assigned to various countries

3978. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian Express who are Government personnel and have been assigned to various countries under the bilateral assignments with their names and the names of country they have been assigned;

(b) the number of Government Personnels who have been assigned to U.N. and its allied agencies with their names and the year of assignment;

(c) what is the method of their selection for the the assignment; and

(d) how many of them have not returned after the completion of the period of assignment and the action taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) The information is not available centrally. It is being collected and will be laid down on the Table of the House after it is compiled.

(b) At present, 79 Govt. personnels are working under the U.N. and its allied agencies. Their names and year of assignment have been indicated in the Statement. (*See* below).

(c) A broad based selection procedure is adopted for identifying